



FOXBOROUGH

Norfolk County



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NARRATIVE

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Located at the intersection of Interstates 95 and 495, Foxborough is a growing community of 15,000 known to its residents as "the gem of Norfolk County". The town is the home of the New England Patriots National Football League franchise. The team has performed at Foxborough Stadium on Route One since its opening in 1972. Foxborough Harness Raceway, adjacent to the stadium, is the only New England track providing for harness racing. This facility has been a fixture since the early 1940s.

While Foxborough is proud of these and other high profile businesses, the town also prides itself on its small town community feeling. The town has been extremely successful in maintaining its small town image and rural characteristics while providing for significant growth. The 700-acre Foxborough State Forest and an additional 1700 acres owned by the town which are scattered throughout the community, perpetuate the rural, country setting which is complimented by the town's close knit neighborhoods.

Civic and sports organizations also play a major role in promoting and maintaining the strong sense of community spirit felt by town residents. Founder's Day, complete with parade and high school band, a haunted house and pancake breakfast; events such as these are attended by thousands. This civic pride is instilled in new residents as well and is exemplified annually by the success of many fund raising events. Residents are particularly proud of the fact that Foxborough High School is renowned for its strong sports tradition with the football team a perennial contender for the Division Championship.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Walpole on the north, Norfolk on the northwest, Sharon on the northeast, Wrentham and Plainville on the west, and Mansfield on the south and southwest. Foxborough is 17 miles west of Brockton, 24 miles south of Boston, and about 195 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 20.89 sq. miles

Land Area: 20.08 sq. miles

Population: 14,637

Density: 729 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Blue Hill Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.3°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....49.0"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Mansfield, Wrentham

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 543-1200

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1778

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	9,030		
Democrats	2,359	26.1	%
Republicans	1,583	17.5	%
Other parties	4	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	5,084	56.3	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Foxborough town, Norfolk County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	16,246	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	16,246	100.0
Male.....	7,949	48.9	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	172	1.1
Female.....	8,297	51.1	Mexican.....	28	0.2
Under 5 years.....	1,118	6.9	Puerto Rican.....	43	0.3
5 to 9 years.....	1,203	7.4	Cuban.....	17	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,302	8.0	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	84	0.5
15 to 19 years.....	949	5.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	16,074	98.9
20 to 24 years.....	546	3.4	White alone.....	15,659	96.4
25 to 34 years.....	2,111	13.0	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	3,102	19.1	Total population.....	16,246	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,393	14.7	In households.....	16,147	99.4
55 to 59 years.....	908	5.6	Householder.....	6,141	37.8
60 to 64 years.....	681	4.2	Spouse.....	3,676	22.6
65 to 74 years.....	1,102	6.8	Child.....	5,290	32.6
75 to 84 years.....	644	4.0	Own child under 18 years.....	4,103	25.3
85 years and over.....	187	1.2	Other relatives.....	505	3.1
Median age (years).....	38.1	(X)	Under 18 years.....	156	1.0
18 years and over.....	11,948	73.5	Nonrelatives.....	535	3.3
Male.....	5,733	35.3	Unmarried partner.....	244	1.5
Female.....	6,215	38.3	In group quarters.....	99	0.6
21 years and over.....	11,577	71.3	Institutionalized population.....	68	0.4
62 years and over.....	2,326	14.3	Noninstitutionalized population.....	31	0.2
65 years and over.....	1,933	11.9	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	793	4.9	Total households.....	6,141	100.0
Female.....	1,140	7.0	Family households (families).....	4,395	71.6
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	2,167	35.3
One race.....	16,159	99.5	Married-couple family.....	3,676	59.9
White.....	15,774	97.1	With own children under 18 years.....	1,817	29.6
Black or African American.....	134	0.8	Female householder, no husband present.....	530	8.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	18	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	276	4.5
Asian.....	199	1.2	Nonfamily households.....	1,746	28.4
Asian Indian.....	36	0.2	Householder living alone.....	1,437	23.4
Chinese.....	69	0.4	Householder 65 years and over.....	526	8.6
Filipino.....	16	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,277	37.1
Japanese.....	5	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over ..	1,390	22.6
Korean.....	16	0.1	Average household size.....	2.63	(X)
Vietnamese.....	23	0.1	Average family size.....	3.15	(X)
Other Asian ¹	34	0.2	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	-	Total housing units.....	6,299	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	6,141	97.5
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	158	2.5
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	1	-	occasional use.....	39	0.6
Some other race.....	32	0.2	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	87	0.5	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.8	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	6,141	100.0
White.....	15,854	97.6	Owner-occupied housing units.....	4,417	71.9
Black or African American.....	158	1.0	Renter-occupied housing units.....	1,724	28.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	40	0.2	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.91	(X)
Asian.....	225	1.4	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.91	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	11	0.1			
Some other race.....	51	0.3			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 153

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 9

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Foxborough is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are Interstate Route 95, U.S. Route 1, and State Route 140.

Rail

Commuter rail service to Back Bay Station and South Station, Boston, is available from neighboring Mansfield. Travel time to BBS: 25-38 min.; 775 MBTA parking spaces. For concerts, Patriots games, and other sports events held at Foxborough Station, the MBTA runs a special train service from South Station to Foxborough Station (only in use for stadium events).

Bus

Foxborough is not affiliated with a regional transit authority. Bonanza Bus Lines provides service from Foxborough to Pawtucket and Providence, Rhode Island.

Other

The Mansfield Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility is located in neighboring Mansfield. It has a 3,496'x75' asphalt runway and a 2,200'x100' turf runway. Instrument approaches available: Non- Precision. Bonanza Bus Lines provides service to Logan Airport from Foxborough.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Doolittle Home, Inc.

Van Dora Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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